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SUBJECT: TANZANIA CLOSES BORDER WITH KENYA

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1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED INFORMATION REFTEL FROM SEVERAL NAIROBI-BASED TOUR OPERATORS. BEGINNING EVENING FEBRUARY 3, TANZANIAN POLICE HAVE IMPOUNDED KENYA-REGISTERED VEHICLES AT THE BORDER AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO CROSS BACK INTO KENYA. IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, KENYA-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN IMPOUNDED (AT LAKE MANYARA LANDING STRIP). LARGEST TOUR OPERATOR HAS 40 VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN TANZANIA; TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES AFFECTED PROBABLY NUMBERS SEVERAL HUNDRED.

2. THIS ACTION IS OBVIOUSLY RETALIATION FOR DEMISE OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS, WHICH TANZANIANS HAVE BLAMED ON
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KENYA. MOST OF EAA ASSETS ARE GROUNDED IN KENYA, ALTHOUGH ONE DC-9 AND 2 F-27'S ARE IN TANZANIA.

3. NUMEROUS AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE REPORTED STRANDED BY TANZANIAN ACTION, FOR EXAMPLE, 30-MEMBER TOUR OF AMHERST ALUMNI. TOUR COMPANIES ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO HIRE TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR CLIENTS TO BORDER, BUT

WE HAVE ONE REPORT FROM TOUR OPERATOR THAT REGIONAL
POLICE COMMANDER IN ARUSHA HAS REFUSED PERMISSION
TO CROSS BORDER TO STRANDED TOURISTS.

4. USAID/RED SO REPORTS THEY HAVE ONE JEEP WITH KENYA
DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES CURRENTLY IN MWANZA,
TANZANIA DRIVEN BY LOCAL EMPLOYEE (ASIAN RESIDENT OF
KENYA, BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDER).

5. WE ARE ADVISING STRANDED AMERICANS TO CONTACT
USAID REGIONAL OFFICE IN ARUSHA PER PARA 2 REFTTEL.

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